

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 26, 2005. Claims 1-10 and 12-13 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 is the independent claim.

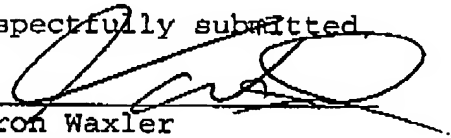
Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the § 112, second paragraph rejections.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully believes the amendments to claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 render the § 112, second paragraph rejection moot. Additionally, Applicant respectfully believes the specification provides ample support for the language of the claims. For example, Applicant notes that "predetermined switching sequence" is at least defined by page 8, line 22 to page 9, line 14 of the specification. Further, support for claim 2 exists additionally in the specification, for example, on page 12, line 3 to page 13, line 10. Finally, Applicant respectfully submits that it is impermissible to base a § 112, second paragraph rejection based on whether or not portions of a claim "read on the preferred embodiment." Applicant respectfully

requests that the § 112, second paragraph rejections be withdrawn for at least the above reasons.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application. Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at the number given below.

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